

The President's Daily Brief

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DAILY BRIEF
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1. Vietnam

Communist forces have during the last two days launched a series of heavy--and obviously well-coordinated--attacks against allied positions in South Vietnam's two northernmost provinces. These actions may be the opening gambits in a Communist plan to pin down and overextend major allied forces in the area.

We have been expecting something of the sort. Captured documents, defector reports [redacted] [redacted] have for several weeks been pointing to Communist preparations for something big south of the Demilitarized Zone [redacted]

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2. Communist China

The campaign against Liu Shao-chi continues to mount and is now beginning to involve other key officials. Posters attacking both foreign minister Chen Yi and the finance minister have been put up nearly every day this week. Other posters denouncing three top military men have appeared since Tuesday.

These and other developments suggest that the radicals in the leadership are attempting to resume the purge of Mao's opponents and to reverse the policies associated with Chou En-lai. He and other moderates had been trying in recent weeks to subdue militant Red Guards and restore some measure of order and sanity. In sum, there is every indication that the fight at the top continues.

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3. Communist China

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4. Soviet Union

The Western press corps in Moscow has been busy filing stories that a civilian will be named to succeed Malinovsky as Soviet defense minister.

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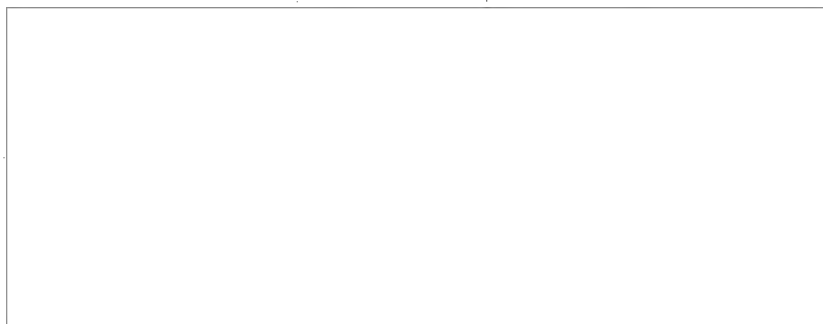
The most frequently mentioned name is Dmitry Ustinov--a party secretary who is also the top expert on armaments--but there is nothing firm on this.

5. Dominican Republic

The new Minister of Police and Interior is threatening to quit because of the influence of "Trujillista" officials on President Balaguer. If this happens, the outcry is apt to be shrill--perhaps even leading to cooperation between the anti-Trujillo right and left in opposition to the President.

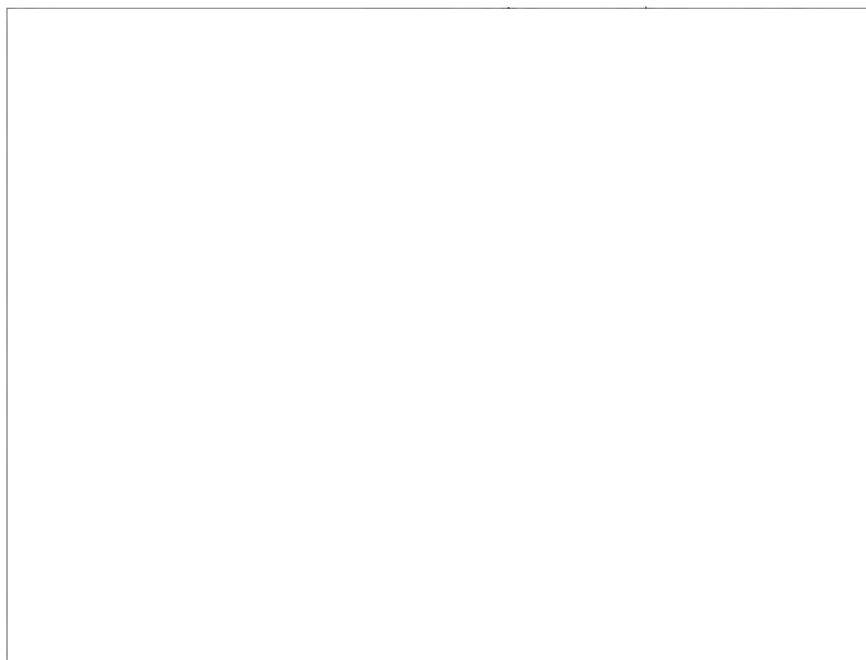
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